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Competition continues on CISM's second day

By Tanja Linton

The sounds of balls smacking against walls and squeaking sneakers echoed through Barnes Field House here on the second day of competition of the 27th *Conseil International du Sport Militaire* Volleyball Championships Monday.

The men's team from Cyprus played their first game in the tournament. They fought hard, but eventually lost to India.

Both the Chinese women and men's teams played Netherlands today. The Chinese continue to dominate the tournament and have yet to give up a set. The Dutch men came close to winning a set, but in the end succumbed to this volleyball powerhouse.

Two North American teams met up in the women's competition. U.S. women defeated our northern neighbors, Canada, in three straight sets cheered on by the beats of a garbage can band formed by the U.S. men's team.

Fans from the local German community and the German Military Liaison Office on Fort Huachuca came out watch Canada vs.



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The Chinese continue to dominate the tournament. China def. Netherlands 25-10, 25-17, 25-10.

Germany. Germany won the final game of the night and ran victory laps around the gym in synch to pounding German rock music.

Here are the results of Monday's competition:

Women

China def. Netherlands 25-10, 25-17, 25-10
United States def. Canada 25-15, 25-8, 25-13

Men

India def. Cyprus 25-19,

25-22, 25-23

China def. Netherlands 25-13, 25-20, 25-17
Germany def. Canada 25-18, 25-21, 25-13

Competition continues Tuesday at Barnes Field House here. Netherlands vs. United States (Men) at 8 a.m., Canada vs. Qatar (Men) at 10:30 a.m., United States vs. China (Women) at 2 p.m., Netherlands vs. Canada (Women) at 4:30

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Lt. Col. Gurbaksh Singh congratulates the Indian team after their win over Cyprus.

India's COM proud of team's debut

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"Take a look at our lads, aren't they good?" asks proud Indian Chief of Mission Lt. Col. Gurbaksh Singh during his team's match with Cyprus Monday.

Singh heads the physical education and training programs for India's army.

This is his first visit outside India. It's also the team's debut at the

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Andrea Lagonosky, 17 and Ivana Alers, 16, didn't know much about Cyprus until this week. They're supporting their new friends on the Cypriot volleyball team during the team's first game.

Cyprus finds new fans in Arizona

By Tanja Linton

Andrea Laganosky, 17, and Ivana Alers, 16, really didn't know much about Cyprus at the beginning of this week, but that changed with the opening of the 27th World Military Volleyball Championships here.

Both young women work at the Fort Huachuca Commissary and struck up friendships with the team from Cyprus when they came in to shop.

Laganosky and Alers looked the country up

online and learned more about it. They replicated the team's Snapple sponsored shirts, made large signs that said "Go Cyprus!" and "Cyprus #1," and then came to Barnes Field House to support the Cypriot team.

"It's neat to meet members from different countries," said Laganosky. "Everyone has been very nice and the German team gave us a pin." They plan on showing their support at future games.



Thom Williams

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CISM Volleyball Championships.

"We decided to participate this year since we're conducting the World Military Games in Hyderabad next year. This will give the team exposure, confidence and skill," said Singh.

It may be India's CISM volleyball debut, but they come with experience. The military team is the reigning national volleyball champion in India.











"Hopefully they will

continue to get stronger," said Singh.

Preparation for the World Military Games began more than eight months ago. Hyderabad is expecting more about 5,000 athletes to take part in 15 different disciplines.

When asked about his first CISM experience Singh said, "Military everywhere is one family. We have a common love of Soldiers. This is a wonderful experience."

June 13 Competition Schedule

0800	 NETHERLANDS (W)	C3-C1	 USA
1030	 CANADA	A3-A1	 QATAR
1400	 USA (W)	L1-L4	 CHINA(W)
1630	 NETHERLANDS (W)	L2-L3	 CANADA (W)
1900	 CYPRUS	B3-B1	 KOREA

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p.m. and Cyprus vs. Korea (Men) at 7 p.m. The public is encouraged to come out and support these world-class athletes. Admission to all matches is free.

Fort Huachuca is an Armed Forces sports center of excellence. The installation hosted CISM Boxing in 2004. CISM's motto is "Friendship through Sport."